

Tower of Babel

Gen.9:1, 7 Gen.11:1-9

Once, long, long ago, all the people in the world talked the same language. They could all understand each other after Noah and his family left the ark. God had told Noah's family to travel around the country and settle in different parts of the land. The people would go on a vacation and find a pretty place to live. They would get married and raise children and grow gardens and have cows and sheep and chickens on their land. What kind of animals would you like to raise when you grow up?

God wanted people to move to different parts of the land so that there would be plants and animals and homes in all parts of the country instead of just in one town. This would be a good idea, wouldn't it?



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God had a good plan for the people, but the people didn't want to follow God's plan. They wanted to all live in one big town. God hoped some people would live by the mountains and some people would live close to the ocean and other people would live close to the desert or by on a farm beside a river. But the people didn't want to do that, they wanted to all live in one big city. Besides this, they thought they would just build a very tall, tall tower so they could reach heaven where God was. Then they would be very important and have an important name everyone would look up to them and they could praise themselves for being so important.

Do you think that God was happy when the people didn't want to do what he said? No, God was unhappy and he decided to do something to make the people move to different parts of the land. What do you think God did?



The people got together and they got some mud and some water and made some square bricks. They set the muddy bricks in the sunshine and soon they grew hard enough to build with. The men made houses and tall buildings made out of bricks.

"Ok," the people said, "Now we're ready to build that tall, tall tower - it will reach clear to heaven!" Maybe they thought they could reach the place where God was, or they thought with a tall tower they wouldn't ever be caught in a flood again. Why, if they had a tall tower and a big city, they wouldn't NEED God to help them, they would be very important and could help themselves...they wouldn't need anyone!

God wants us to love Him and he wants to help us and take care of us. He knew it would only make men evil if they turned away from his laws and tried to make their own. Something had to be done!



Do you know how God stopped the people's plans? He didn't topple the tower, he didn't cause a big wind and blow all the people away... instead he gave them different ways to talk. Does that sound funny? You try asking your mother for a glass of milk, but talk in a different way. Say "gobbly-do-dobble-de-doo" and see if she knows what you want. Then ask for a cookie but say "blubbed-de-blubber" ... she wouldn't know what you were saying, would she?

This is what happened to the people at the tower. It was called a tower of Babel because all the people were making different sounds and no one could understand the others.

The people couldn't work together anymore so they quit building the tower. They couldn't buy grain or sell a cow because no one could understand the different talk. So soon, each family would move out of the city and go live by a lake or by the mountains. There they would build homes and raise gardens, just like God wanted them to do in the first place.



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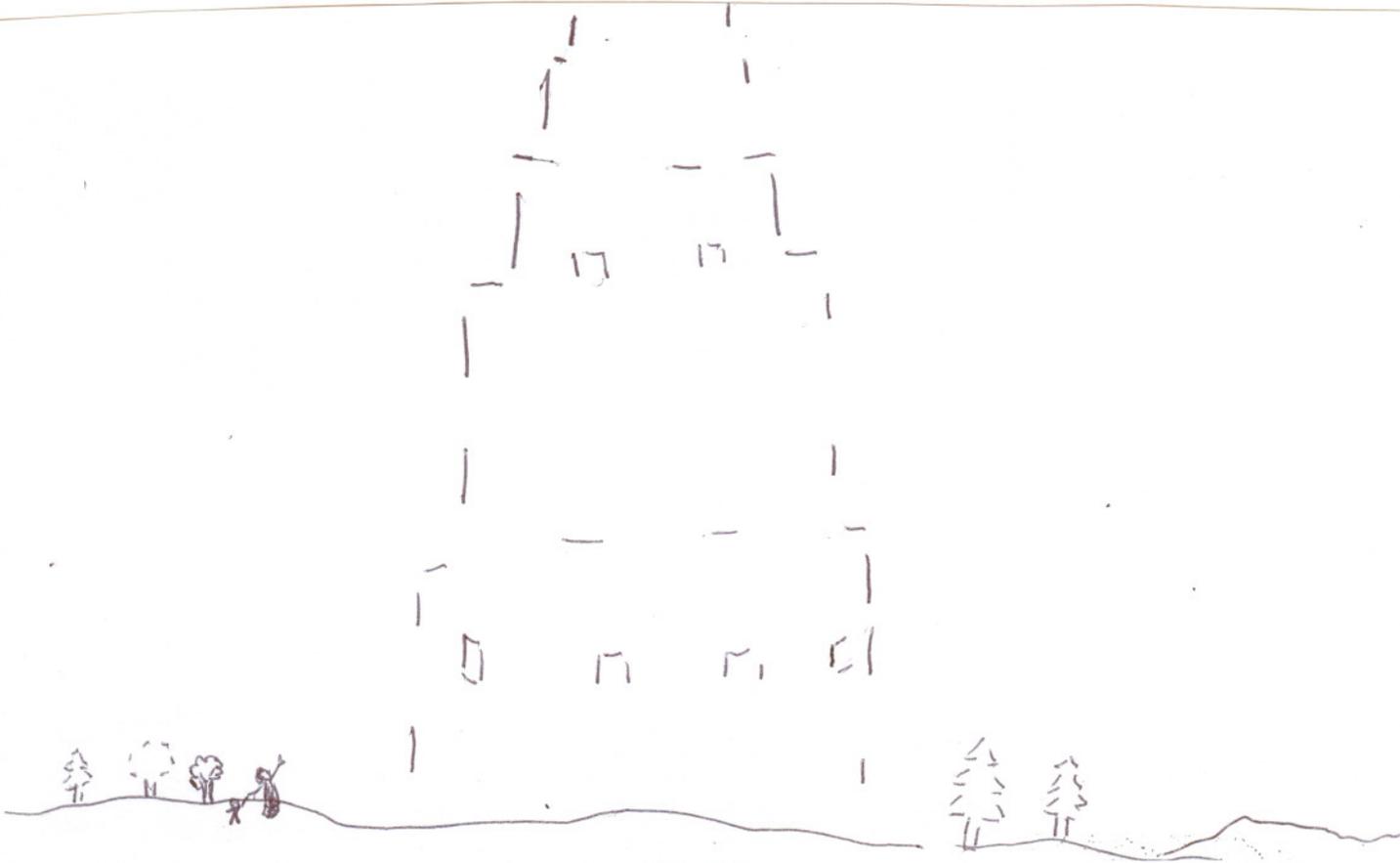
Can you answer some questions about today's story?

1. Did God want everyone to live in one big city or did he want them to each live in different parts of the land and build homes and plant gardens?
2. Did the people want to do what God said?
3. What did the people want to build?
4. What kind of building material did the people have? Wood, or Stones, or Bricks
5. What happened to the way people talked? Could they understand each other?
6. Did God want the people to obey him because he was mean or because he knew his way was best for them?

Draw the people in your home and draw your pet if you have one. Put some flowers in your garden

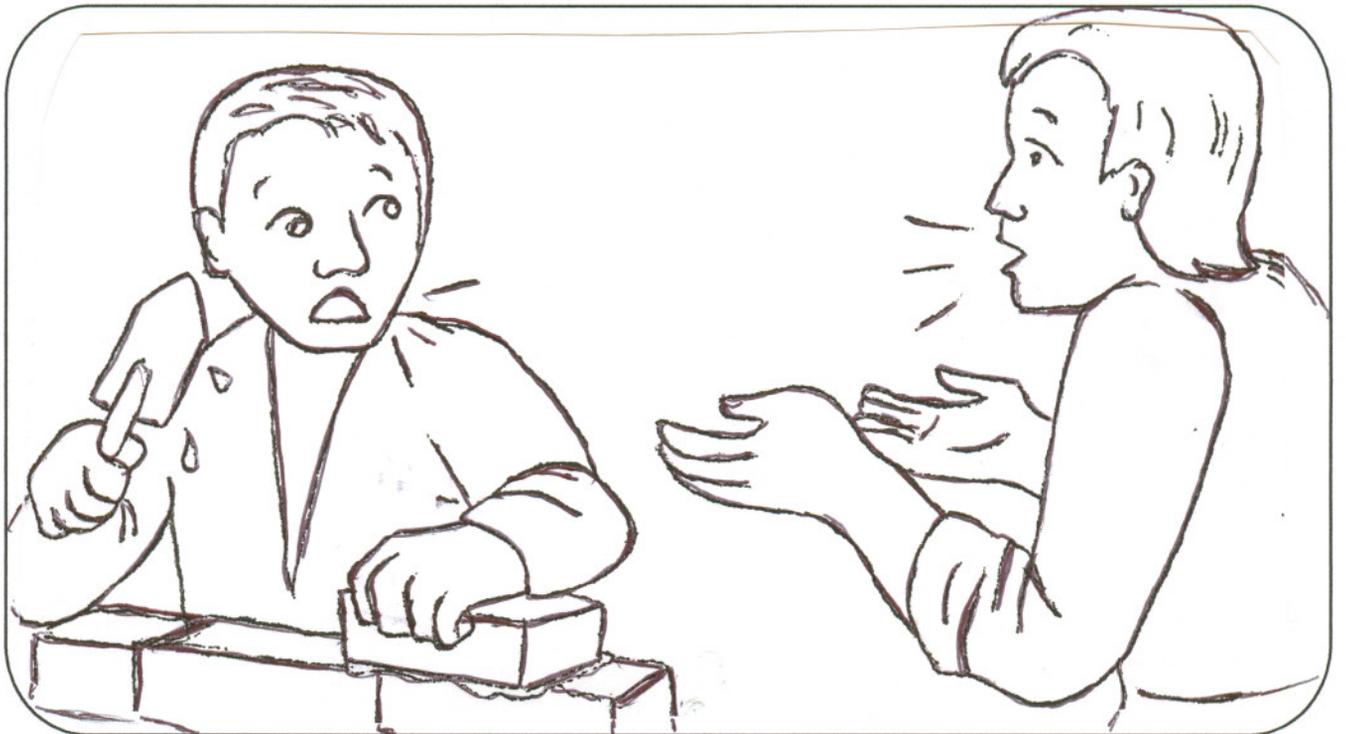
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Connect the lines to draw a picture of a tall tower like the Tower of Babel



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Color the picture of the people trying to talk to each other at the Tower of Babel



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Draw a line between the bricks on one side to match them with bricks on the other side. Color in your own bricks in the blank squares

A matching puzzle consisting of two columns of items separated by a vertical line. On the left side, there are: a blue brick pattern, a white square, a red brick pattern, a white square, a stack of three ice cream sandwiches, a white square, and a blue brick pattern. On the right side, there are: a red brick pattern, a white square, a blue brick pattern, a white square, a stack of three ice cream sandwiches, a white square, and a blue brick pattern. The goal is to connect the patterns across the line and color the blank squares.

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Draw some farm animals, like cows and sheep and ducks and chickens inside the fence below and color them pretty colors

